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WASHINGTON, D. C., TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 1910.

HOWARD G. ROCKE COMMITTS SUICIDE

Prominent Virginian Drinks
Laudanum—Inhales Gas.

CAREFULLY PLANNED

Body Is Found in Cheap Lodg-
ing House Room.

Well-known Resident of Lynchburg,
Despondent Because of Failure to
Find Employment, Deliberately
Prepares to Take Own Life—Took
Six Ounces of Laudanum Before Turn-
ing on Gas—Visited City Often.

Howard Glenmore Rocke, forty-four
years old, a member of one of the best
families of Lynchburg, Va., committed
suicide by taking gas and laudanum at
the Hartford Hotel, at Pennsylvania ave-
nue and Four-and-a-half street, Sunday
morning.

Rocke's body was found yesterday
afternoon when the proprietor of the
hotel broke down the door of his room.
He had been dead twenty-four hours,
the coroner says.

Rocke was found lying on a bed with
one end of a gas tube in his mouth. By
his side lay an emptied laudanum bottle.
That he carefully planned the deed
could be seen from the appearance of
the room. The gas tube was new and
was brought to the hotel by Rocke. All
the windows were sealed and the doors
locked.

Took Two Poisons.
Rocke drank six ounces of laudanum
before he inhaled the gas doubly to in-
sure his death.

He was a frequent visitor to the city
and registered at the hotel Saturday
night. He called a cheery "Good night"
to the proprietor of the house, who ac-
companied him to the room. Nothing fur-
ther was seen of him until his body was
found yesterday afternoon.

The body was taken to the morgue and
Edgar Rocke, a brother, residing at 819
E street northwest, was notified. He gave
orders that it be prepared for burial.
The body will be taken to Lynchburg
for interment.

At the coroner's examination of the
body yesterday, a letter addressed to
"Leonard Rocke, care of H. S. Hicks &
Co., Lynchburg," was found in his
pocket. The letter spoke of several busi-
ness deals, and there was but a single
line that indicated Rocke's contemplated
act.

In the letter was written: "If anything
should happen to me, bury me by my
sister's side." The epistle was signed
"Your loving father."

Man Was Despondent.
Rocke was despondent, it is said, be-
cause of his failure to get work. He be-
longed to an excellent family, and was
reared to every luxury. In his youth he
attended several schools, and was later
a famous huntsman in Virginia.

After his father's financial misfortunes,
young Rocke set out to earn his living.
He came to Washington last winter in
search of a position, but met with no
success. For several days he roamed the
streets almost penniless. He then be-
came connected with a New York cloth-
ing firm, and was here frequently on
business trips.

He lost this position and became dis-
couraged. His efforts to get new employ-
ment were fruitless. His friends here
offered assistance, but the man refused
all proffers of aid.

After searching in vain for work, it is
said, he deliberately planned to take his
life.

CLUBMAN GOES TO JAIL.

Willis Counselman Guilty of Con-
tempt in Divorce Case.

Chicago, Aug. 1.—Willis Counselman,
broker and clubman, this afternoon began
serving his sentence of three months for
contempt of Judge Chetlain's court in his
divorce case.

He was formally committed to jail just
before noon.

The court's decree was entered a week
ago. It found him guilty of criminal
contempt, in pretending that he did not
know that his first wife was insane, in
asking a divorce in order that he might
marry Miss Clara French, of Englewood—
a marriage which was annulled when the
divorce was invalidated.

TWO NEGROES KILLED.

Three Others Wounded by Sheriff's
Posse.

Pelham, Ga., Aug. 1.—In a battle with
a sheriff and posse about 8 o'clock to-
night, two negroes were killed and three
probably fatally wounded.

Engineers Want More Pay.

Chicago, Aug. 1.—Representatives of the
locomotive engineers on fifty-six railroad
systems running west of Chicago met
here to-day to formulate their demands
for an increase in wages. Warren S.
Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of
Locomotive Engineers, is in charge of
the conference, which represents about
25,000 men.

Grand Trunk Strike Near End.

Montreal, Aug. 1.—It was announced
to-night that a settlement of the trouble
between the Grand Trunk and its striking
trainmen and conductors has been prac-
tically reached, but the details will not
be announced until to-morrow, as a num-
ber of minor matters have to be ar-
ranged.

\$20.50 to Lacarne (Camp Perry), Ohio,
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By Baltimore & Ohio. August 1 to 19,
valid for return until August 28. Consult
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NEW BAY STEAMER WILL OPEN MARKTS

Washington to Receive Pro-
duce of Eastern Shore.

LINE STARTS AUGUST 8

Two Vessels Are Chartered by
Chesapeake Company.

By Means of W. E. & A. Freight
Service to the Capital, Fruits, Veg-
etables, and Other Farm Products
of Maryland Will Find a Market
Here Instead of Being Shipped
North—Growers Are Pleased.

Commission merchants and wholesale
dealers in the markets are much inter-
ested in the announcement from Baltimore
regarding the new steamship service be-
tween the Eastern Shore of Maryland and
Annapolis.

At Annapolis the freight service con-
nects with that of the Washington, Bal-
timore and Annapolis Railroad, and the
produce brought from the Eastern Shore
will be about equally accessible to Wash-
ington and Baltimore.

Almost since railroads began the rich
farm products of the Eastern Shore of
Maryland have found an outlet in Phila-
delphia and New York. The railroads
have ever sought to carry fruit, fish, and
truck northward over the longest haul
to market. Only a modicum of the pro-
duction of that great garden spot has
come to Baltimore, and almost none to
Washington.

Now, through the steamer service
across the bay and the land service from
Annapolis, all this, it is said, will be
changed in a few years at most, and
three markets, instead of one, will be
given to the Eastern Shore. It is part
of the plan to make such a market for the
farmers, fruit growers, and truck men of
the Eastern Shore, and to give them such
prompt service, that they will prefer to
send produce this way.

Plans of the Company.
The new company, known as the Ches-
apeake Bay Navigation Company, begin-
ning August 8, will operate two steamers,
a passenger boat during the day and a
freight boat at night, plying between
Baltimore, Cambridge, Oxford, and An-
napolis. The steamer Idler, which will
be the passenger boat, is capable of mak-
ing about eighteen miles an hour. She is
120 feet in length and sixteen feet in
breadth, drawing about seven feet of wa-
ter and having a capacity of 150 passen-
gers.

According to the proposed schedule,
the Idler will leave Oxford about 7 a. m.
for Baltimore, calling at Cambridge and
points along the shore, arriving in Bal-
timore at Chase's wharf, at the foot of
Caroline street, about 11:15 a. m.

On the return trip the boat will leave
Baltimore about 4 p. m., going back over
the same route, and arriving at Oxford
about 8:15. Arrangements have been
made with the Washington, Baltimore
and Annapolis Electric Railroad for a
car, the Eastern Shore Special, to meet
the boat at the wharf at Annapolis,
which will land passengers in Washing-
ton by 11:30.

Gasoline Fleet as Feeder.
The freight will be handled by a large
freighter and a fleet of gasoline boats,
which will connect with the Washington,
Baltimore and Annapolis freight service
at Annapolis. The gasoline boats will
call during the day at all points along
the shore, including points on Miles
River, Tred Avon, Harris Creek, and
Broad Creek, and will transfer their
freight to the big boat at night.

The freighter will leave Cambridge
about 5 p. m. for Oxford, returning to
Annapolis and back to Cambridge in the
early morning, connecting at Annapolis
with the Washington, Baltimore and An-
napolis freight cars, thus making it pos-
sible for Eastern Shore merchants and
farmers to have their produce in Bal-
timore and Washington in time for the
early morning markets.

Arrangements have also been made
with the United States Express Company
for service covering all points reached by
the company's boats, thus giving a quick
and reliable express service to the people
of the Eastern Shore.

It is the object of the new company to
furnish quick and reliable service, en-
abling passengers to come to the city and
return to their homes the same day, and
where there is any difference in the
existing freight rates in favor of Phila-
delphia the rates will be equalized in
order to give Baltimore and Washington
the advantage.

The officers of the new company are:
President, William C. Codd, of the E. J.
Codd Company; general manager, William
E. Slaughter, formerly with the Wash-
ington, Baltimore and Annapolis
Electric Railroad; and W. M. McCormick,
secretary and general passenger agent.
Capt. George F. Curlett, formerly with
the Tolchester Company, will be in com-
mand of the Idler.

All the wharves, both passenger and
freight, have been arranged for, and
everything is in readiness for the first
trip of the Idler on Monday, August 8.

JACK LONDON IS WRATHY.

Writer Is "Going to Get" Police
Judge of Oakland.

San Francisco, Aug. 1.—Jack London,
novelist, sent a letter to Police Judge
Samuels, of Oakland, berating him as
a bully, for the Judge's recent decision
dismissing the assault case of London
against Tim Muldowney, keeper of a
restaurant. London says:

"Some day, somewhere, somehow, I am
going to get you. I am going to get you
legally, never fear, and to the full hit
of the law and legal procedure."

MISSOURI PRIMAES TO-DAY.

St. Louis, Aug. 1.—All candidates for
Congress and State, judicial and county
officers will be nominated by all parties
by direct primary elections throughout
Missouri to-morrow. The insurgent ques-
tion has not figured on the surface in
the contest for the Republican nomi-
nations for Congress.

REACHES ALTITUDE OF 5,500 FEET.

Brussels, Aug. 1.—M. Tyck, an aviator
from Antwerp, in a spectacular flight to-
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